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SUBJ: KIDNAPPING OF PCV STARR: LOCAL MEDIA TREATMENT OF MOTHER'S APPEAL

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1. NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE OF THE VOA BROADCASTS APRIL 8 OF MRS. JENSEN'S APPEAL TO HER SON'S KIDNAPPERS, SEVERAL STATIONS OR NETWORKS RECORDED THE APPEAL (WITH THE SPANISH TRANSLATION) DIRECTLY OFF THE AIR FOR REBROADCAST. USIS ALSO RECORDED MESSAGE AND FED IT BY TELEPHONE LINE TO SEVERAL OTHER STATIONS AND SENT TAPES TO ALL NETWORKS. NETWORKS TOTALLING 202 STATIONS PROMISED TO CARRY THE MESSAGE. FROM OUR OWN MONITORING WE WERE ABLE TO VERIFY THAT TWO OF MOST IMPORTANT NETWORKS REACHING THE FARC AREA HAD CARRIED THE MESSAGE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 9 ALONG WITH THEIR NEWS PROGRAMS.

2. AP AND UPI WERE ALSO ALERTED IN ADVANCE TO THE NEWS CONFERENCE. WHILE THERE WERE NO SATURDAY PAPERS NATIONWIDE DUE TO HOLIDAY, A LONG UPI STORY APPEARED SUNDAY BOTH IN BOGOTA'S LARGE LIBERAL DAILY EL TIEMPO AND IN MEDELLIN'S CONSERVATIVE EL COLOMBIANO. LARGEST CIRCULATION DAILY, BOGOTA'S EL ESPECTADOR, WHICH IS ALSO WIDELY READ IN
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AREAS WE WISH TO REACH, RAN ITS OWN FRONT PAGE STORY SUNDAY WITH ARCHIVE PHOTO OF STARR. THIS STORY, WRITTEN IN VERY SYMPATHETIC VEIN BY 1976 IV GRANTEE ALBERTO DUQUE LOPEZ (JOURNALIST, AUTHOR, FILM-MAKER). WAS CLEARLY BASED ON VOA BROADCAST AND CONTAINED LONG QUOTES FROM MRS. JENSEN'S APPEAL. CLIPS OF THESE AND OTHER STORIES THAT MAY BE FOUND IN OUT-OF-BOGOTA COLOMBIAN PAPERS WILL BE SENT TO DEPT.

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3. PER PARAGRAPH 5, REFTEL, EMBASSY OFFICER NOTIFIED FOREIGN
MINISTRY ON APRIL 6 THAT THE TEXT OF MRS. JENSEN'S
APPEAL WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO LOCAL MEDIA FOR DISSEMINATION.
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